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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Robert W. Komer
Special Assistant to the President

SUBJECT : Training Civilians for Vietnam

1. We have reviewed Mr. Bumgardner's report on the training of civilians for Vietnam, and have the following comments:

a. Phases I and II of the suggested course outline will probably duplicate to some extent our current eleven week curriculum, but we would intend to send our people to the six-weeks OCO course after an initial period of concentration on those aspects specifically relating to CIA programs.

b. While we agree that Vietnamese language is a highly valuable asset, we could not, under present personnel availabilities, commit employees to the forty weeks of language training and at the same time maintain our current flow of replacements to fill field positions. We would hope, however, to be able to recruit or assign an initial group of [REDACTED] to this full course by September 1967.

c. We assume that Phases I and II of the proposed training would be offered several times during the year. The frequency will determine the number of candidates which CIA will have, but we estimate that there will be from [REDACTED] nominees for each cycle.

d. The proposals for the location, management and staffing of the Vietnam training course are entirely agreeable to CIA.

2. An informal interagency coordinating group for this subject might be helpful. [REDACTED] of this Agency will be available as required for this purpose, on code 145, extension 5249.

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